

Remarks and Arguments

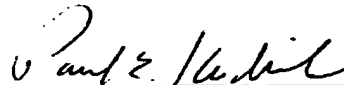
Applicants' attorney thanks the examiner for his time during a telephone interview on June 7, 2005. During this interview, various antecedent problems with claims 1, 5, 13, 17, 25, 28 and 29 were discussed. In response, amendments have been made to these claims in order to correct the antecedent problems as discussed. Amendments have also been made to claims 3, 9 and 10 to conform them to amendments made in claim 1. Amendments have further been made in claims 21 and 22 to conform them to amendments made in claim 13.

A possible problem with a rejection of claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. §101 was also discussed. Amendments were made to claim 29 along the lines discussed to avoid a potential rejection.

The examiner also requested that terminal disclaimers be filed over application serial numbers 10/186,550; 10/147,275; 10/134,711; 10/012,150; 09/975,485; 10/021,471; 10/003,212; 09/965,218; 09/960,122 and 09/917,145. Appropriate terminal disclaimers are attached hereto.

In light of the forgoing amendments and remarks, this application is now believed in condition for allowance and a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. If the examiner has any further questions regarding this amendment, he is invited to call applicants' attorney at the number listed below. The examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or direct any payment under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, 1.16 to Deposit Account number 02-3038.

Respectfully submitted


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